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# THE LIGHTHOUSE

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## From the Pastor Jeremy Tennery "Happy New Year"



Hello Friends, and Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new year is so exciting. As we have finish out 2023 and now enter into 2024, everyone is looking forward to the possibilities a new year brings. Everyone is busy setting new goals to achieve. There is a sense of a new hope, of a new job, or a renewed relationship. Some may be looking to begin a new hobby or start an exercise routine (don't sign me up for that one). Whatever "new" it is that excites you for the coming year, I am excited for you.

A new year also brings excitement for new beginnings for our church. There are questions that we need to answer. What do we want to accomplish this year as a church? More importantly, what does God want us to accomplish this year? How does God want us to grow in relationships with each other and with Him? How can we reach the lost? How does God want you to serve and get involved?

I know God has huge plans for SCF this year. I truly believe God is calling SCF to look at 2024 as a year of hope and promise. Hope in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. And the promise that God's word is true and perfect.

So, as we enter this new year of hope and promise please join me in prayer. Pray for God's direction. Where and how does He want to use you to change your world and the world of those around you? Where does He want to use you in Stone Creek Fellowship? Pray for the church leaders. Pray for the lost that God has called us to seek out and tell them about Jesus Christ.

I know that God is going to great things in and through SCF in 2024 and I cannot wait to see what those things are. We serve an exciting God that is always working and always moving. So God, I want to see what you can do this year!

In His Name!

Pastor Jeremy

### The Lord's Supper

The men's Sunday school class is now preparing the Lord's Supper which occurs on the first Sunday of each quarter. The group prepares unleavened bread and pure grape juice.

Dates for upcoming Lord's Supper events are shown below:

January 7, 2024 - April 7, 2024 - July 7, 2024 - October 6, 2024



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### Bible Verse of the Month

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with My righteous right hand.*

**Isaiah 41:10 (CSB)**

### True or False

1. Angels sleep.
2. Angels are called the god of this age.
3. The angels will bring peace among men on earth when Christ returns.
4. God Himself, will separate the wicked from among the just at the end of the age.
5. The angels will gather the elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

(Answers on page 4)

### Birthdays & Anniversaries in January

Stepanie Cook Jan 1st	Shane Cook Jan 3rd
Jonathan Gonzalez Jan 23rd	Barbara Lewis Jan 28th
Bill Parker Jan 31st	No Wedding Anniversaries



### New Years Christian Resolutions

- Commit to an act of kindness every day
- Read the Bible in one year
- Find roots in a community—Matthew 11:18
- Be a peacemaker—Matthew 5:9
- Always do the work of the Lord—1 Corinthians 15:57-58
- Only do things that are pleasing to God—John 8:30
- Walk by faith—2 Corinthians 5:5-7
- Give thanks for everything—Ephesians 5:19-21

### New Year's Prayer

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come"

(2 Corinthians 5:17)



### New Years Facts & Traditions

- The confetti dropped in Times Square is holding secret messages.
- Most New Year's resolutions aren't taken too seriously. 80% of resolutions are forgotten by February
- Though the parties raged on, there wasn't a ball drop until 1907.
- Hershey, PA drops a giant Kiss to ring in the new year.
- The New Year's kiss started with the Romans.
- The island nation Kiribati, also known as Christmas Island, rings in the new year first.

HOPE WORDS  
*Don't forget that God is calling us to put into practice on Monday the truth that we said "amen" to on Sunday.*



### BIBLE TRIVIA

(Answers on page 4)

1. When Daniel prayed to God after it was not allowed, where was he thrown into?
2. Which book did David write most of?
3. Who else was in prison with Joseph?
4. Who eventually came from the lineage of David?
5. How many lepers did Jesus heal?
6. Who were Noah's three sons?
7. After they took over the Promised Land and Joshua died, who ruled Israel?
8. Who was the judge who took a Nazarite vow from birth and fought against the Philistines?
9. Where did David spare Saul's life the second time?
10. When Bathsheba and David had another child, what did they name him?

### Dr. B.L. Worsham, Th.D. Power of Prayer

It's the start of a new year and one resolution you should strive to practice and keep is prayers of faith. While the world appears to be falling apart, God has promised that he will love us, protect us and give us strength to weather any storm. We are saved by grace and by Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.



"But we (the twelve apostles), will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6: 2 & 4).

Oh, that men would do that today --- "give (themselves) continually to prayer"! What a work of God we would see. If the heart cry of men would rise in unity, and beseech the Lord Jesus Christ for, "peace on earth, good will to men." If "prayer without ceasing", would sound in the throne room of our heavenly Father; "forgive us Lord, we have sinned". How quickly the conflicts of humanity would be settled!

We are granted the power -- prayer! Do you believe this, brother -- man? Then will you use the divine means, Christian -- brother? If you are reading this article, will you pray and redeem our society: the family, the home, the church, the county, the state the nation, the world? Let every man lift his heart to God in prayer! The greatest ministry in the world! And the only one God says, will work!

God has promised -- "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

God has promised! God does not lie or fail! The one thing standing in front of His fulfillment is, "If"! I beseech you to get passed the "If" and pray with us!

God further says; "Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place"! (2 Chronicles 7:15)

My friend, I submit that our world is not yet fully ablaze -- but the fuse is lit in every corner, race, and people! "We will give ourselves continually to prayer"! (Acts 6:4)  
God Bless You,

"Bring the full 10 percent into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way", says the Lord of Hosts. "See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure" - Malachi 3:10

## January Recipes

### Paula Deen' 5 Minute Fudge

**Ingredients:**

- 1 2/3 cups white sugar
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (6 ounce) packages milk chocolate chips
- 16 large marshmallows
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped nuts



**Directions:**

- Combine sugar, milk, butter and salt in a medium sized saucepan. Bring to a boil, cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
- Add in chocolate chips; cook until melted.
- Remove from heat; stir in marshmallows, vanilla and nuts. Mix well.
- Pour into a 8-inch pan.
- Cool cut into squares.

### Buttery Bubble Bread

**Ingredients:**

- 1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
- 1 cup warm water (110° to 115°)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 to 4-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 6 tablespoons butter, melted



**Directions:**

- In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add the sugar, shortening, egg, salt and 1 cup of flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough.
- Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.
- Punch dough down. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; shape into 1-1/2-in. balls. Dip the balls in butter and arrange evenly in a greased 9-in. fluted tube pan. Drizzle with remaining butter. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 45 minutes.
- Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until golden brown. Cool for 5 minutes before inverting onto a serving platter. Serve warm.

### Slow Cooker Black-Eyed Peas

**Ingredients:**

- 1 pound (453g) black-eyed peas, dried (sorted and rinsed)
- 1 cup (160g) smoked sausage, diced
- 4-5 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 2-3 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoon fresh thyme, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 7 cups chicken broth
- 1-2 teaspoon Creole seasoning
- 1 teaspoon paprika (optional)
- 1 tablespoon bouillon powder
- Salt and pepper to taste



**Directions:**

- Cook the bacon in a pan for about five minutes. Then take it out and set it aside.
- Add the onion, garlic, celery, and thyme to the pan, sauté for about 3 minutes, and then take the pan off the heat.
- Add the black-eyed peas to the slow cooker.
- Next, add the bay leaf, paprika, Creole seasoning, bouillon powder, pepper, and sauteed veggies.
- Finally, pour in the chicken broth. Stir, cover, and simmer on high for 7 hours. Don't open the lid during cooking time.
- Add salt and adjust the seasoning to taste after the peas are cooked.
- If you prefer to use pre-soaked beans, you can soak your beans for eight hours or overnight and use only five cups of chicken broth. Then, cook on high for five hours instead of seven.
- For creamier beans, remove a cup of the peas and mash them up. Add them back to the slow cooker and stir.

### BBQ Beef Roast

**Ingredients:**

- Eye of round beef
- SPG
- Olive oil
- Garlic powder
- Bread crumbs or Panko
- Chef string
- BBQ sauce (Your choice - We recommend Sweet Baby Ray's)



**Directions:**

- In a jar, pour some olive oil and add some SPG and mix well. This is the marinade rub for the beef.
- Cut the eye of the round beef in 4 to 5 slits, about 2 inches deep on both sides. Be careful not to cut it off.
- Now take the liquid olive oil / SPG marinade and rub well all over the beef and deep into the cuts.
- Now sprinkle a good amount of garlic powder on the beef and sprinkle panko over the beef.
- Tie the roast together with some chef string. Wrap in foil and let sit for 60 minutes.
- Preheat oven to medium heat 250F
- Cook/roast the beef over indirect heat for 3 hours. After 60 mins or so, baste some BBQ sauce, flip it and baste the other side. You may repeat this process at different intervals. Cook to an internal temperature of 145-150F (Medium doneness).

We are always on the lookout for awesome recipes for our newsletters. If you have a favorite comfort food recipe you would like to share, we invite you to send them to us by email to [bparker@stonecreekfellowship.org](mailto:bparker@stonecreekfellowship.org) or you can give a copy to either Emmett Williams or Bill Parker and we will add them to the list for future newsletters.



**INFORMATION YOU CAN USE  
ARE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER?**

More than 50% of Americans think that estate planning is at least somewhat important, but only 33% have a will or living trust. When asked why they don't have a will, 1 out of 3 respondents believes they don't have enough assets to leave behind. Here are some facts about estate planning that may surprise you:

- 55% of Americans die without a will or estate plan
- 71.6% of Americans do not have an up-to-date will
- 15% of Americans earning more than \$150,000 have an up-to-date will
- 29% of people think they "don't have enough assets to leave to anyone"
- 3-8% of assets in an estate go toward the cost of probate, on average (personal representative fees, attorney fees, accounting fees, appraisal and business valuation fees, bond fees and more)
- 6 months to 2 years: The amount of time an average modest estate can take to get through the probate process
- 74% of Americans said they would be more likely to create an estate plan if it helped lower their families' taxes

Here are some tips and tasks you should consider when estate and will planning.

- **Direct Beneficiaries:** Make sure all bank accounts have direct beneficiaries. The beneficiary need only go to the bank with your death certificate and an ID of their own.
- **TOD = Transfer on Death** deed if you own a home. Completing this document and filing it with your county saves your heirs THOUSANDS. This document allows you to transfer ownership of your home to your designee. All they need to do is take their ID and your death certificate to the county building and the deed is signed over. Doing this will avoid the home having to go through probate.
- **Living Will:** Allows one to put in writing exactly what you want done in the event you cannot speak for yourself when it comes to healthcare decisions as well as other final decisions.
- **Durable Power of Attorney:** Allows one to designate a person to make legal decisions if you are no longer competent to do so.
- **Power of Attorney for Healthcare:** This document allows one to designate someone to make healthcare decisions for them.
- **Last Will and Testament:** Designates to whom personal belongings will go to.
- **Funeral Planning Declaration:** Allows one to say exactly one's wishes as far as disposition of the body and the services.
- **Financial Information:** Make a list of all banks and account numbers, all investment institutions with account numbers, lists of credit cards, utility accounts, etc. Leave clear instructions as to how and when these things are paid.
- **Important Documents:** Make sure heirs know where life insurance policies and other important documents are located.
- **Online Accounts:** Make 100% sure SOMEONE knows or has access to your Apple ID, bank ID and other important account logins and passwords!
- **Titles, Deeds, etc.:** Make sure you have titles for all vehicles, campers, etc.
- **Trusts:** Set up a TRUST for intended beneficiaries, especially those that are too young, and appoint a trustee of said trust.
- **MOST IMPORTANTLY!!!!** - Choose an executor and alternate executor and make all your wishes KNOWN by written instructions only to them. Talk to those whom you've designated, as well as those close to you whom you did not designate. - Do this to explain why your decisions were made and to avoid any lingering questions or hurt feelings.

Estate Planning and an up to date will is important, no matter your age or wealth. Below are some reasons to consider an estate plan and will.

- Allows you to decide how your wealth will be distributed to your loved ones and organizations you care about – not the courts.
- Maximizes the wealth transferred to your beneficiaries by avoiding probate and transfer taxes.
- Incorporates your values and charitable giving goals into your plan.
- Gives you the power to decide who has Power of Attorney and your healthcare directives.

Fortunately, it's never too late to create or update an estate plan and will. With the help of a financial adviser and an estate planning attorney, you can ensure that the needs of your family and your wishes are met.

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